

REMARKS

Claims 2 and 4-49 are pending. By this Amendment, claim 43 is amended for clarification purposes only and in a non-narrowing fashion. As the amendments to claim 43 are minor, Applicants assert that all arguments and assertions made in the previously filed Response are equally applicable to the newly amended claim 43.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance are earnestly solicited. Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is welcomed to contact the undersigned attorney at the below-listed number and address.

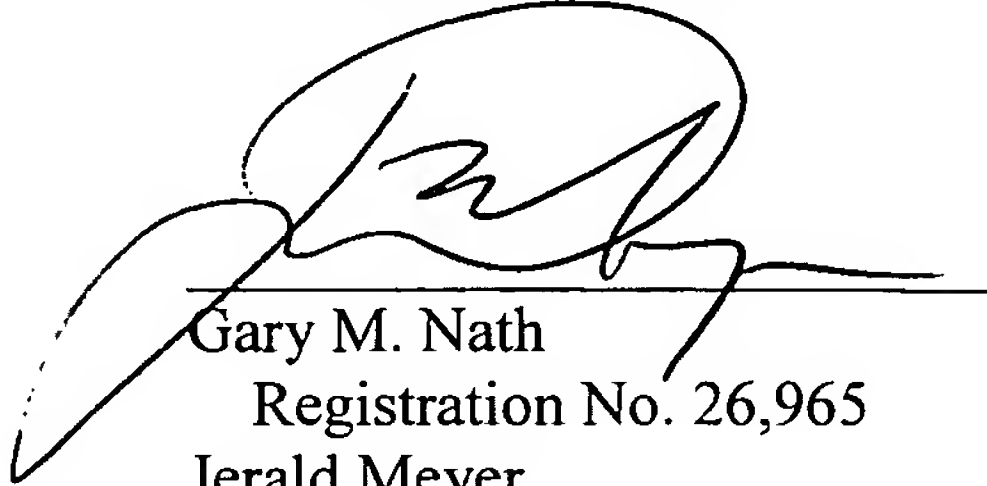
In the event this paper is not timely filed, Applicants petition for an appropriate extension of time. Please charge any fee deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 14-0112.

Respectfully submitted,

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